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SUBJECT: AFGRAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

1. TEN DOSSIERS RECEIVED AAI/NY. REQUEST FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION: A) ADVISE NAME OF DIPLOMA GIVEN TO THREE APPLICANTS (RANDRIAMANANA, RAMILISON, ANDRIAMAHEFA) FROM THE POLYTECHNIQUE SCHOOL AT END OF FOURTH YEAR AND ITS EQUIVALENCY IN FRENCH SYSTEM. WOULD IT BE EQUIVALENT TO "INGENIEUR DE CONCEPTION"? B) WHEN WILL RAMILISON AND ANDRIAMAHEFA COMPLETE FOURTH YEAR? C) RE CANDIDATE RAFIDISON, AAI QUESTIONS EQUIVALENCY HIS DIPLOMA. ADVISE WHETHER IT SIMILAR TO IUT MID-LEVEL DIPLOMA AND WHAT LEVEL HE WOULD ENTER AN AGRONOMY PROGRAM IN FRENCH SYSTEM. ALSO REQUIRE FURTHER INFO REGARDING HIS PROPOSED SPECIALIZATION WITHIN AGRONOMY. D) RE RAMALALANIAINA, PLEASE ADVISE IF HE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN MAITRISE CYCLE, IF SO, DATE SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE.

2. GIVEN LATENESS OF SUBMISSION APPLICATIONS AND VERY FEW UNCOMMITTED AFGRAD AWARDS REMAINING, AAI UNABLE TAKE ACTION ON MORE THAN FOUR TO FIVE APPLICATIONS. DEPENDING ON EQUIVALENCY CLARIFICATION, AAI PROPOSES ATTEMPT PLACEMENT FOR FOLLOWING CANDIDATES: RATSIMA, RANDRIAMANANA, RANAIVOARISOA, RAFIDISON, AND ANDRIAMAHEFA.

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3. SINCE PROBABLE TERMINATION OF AFGRAD PROGRAM IN 1980 AND INTENSIVE LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIRED, AFGRAD CAN ONLY CONSIDER ABOVE APPLICANTS FOR MASTERS DEGREE STUDY ONLY. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS AGREEABLE TO GOM.

4. AAI ASSUMES THAT CANDIDATES, IF PLACED, CAN ARRIVE EITHER FALL 1976 OR NO LATER THAN SPRING 1977. ADVISE. HABIB

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